

RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN DENTISTRY
MINUTES OF OPEN MEETING
16 FEBRUARY 2011

A meeting of the Board of Examiners in Dentistry was held on the above date at the RI Department of Health, Beck Conference Room, Providence, Rhode Island. A quorum was established and the Chairman called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Board members in attendance were: Board members not in attendance were:

Henry Levin, DMD, Acting Chairman Mary Lou Buonaccorsi

Joseph Box, DDS

Craig VanDongen, DDS

Joseph G. Samartano, Jr., DDS

Robert Bartro, DMD

Christine Benoit, DMD

Susan Perlini, RDH, Secretary

Maureen Ross, RDH

Bernard Manchester

Staff members in attendance were: Others in attendance were:

Gail Giuliano, Board Administrator Valarie Celentano, Executive Director, RIDA

At this time, Dr. Levin called for a motion to approve the Open

Minutes of 19 January 2011. Dr. Samartano advised page 2, paragraph(s) 5 & 6, sections (5.2.2 (b) and 10.2.1(b) should reflect that it is “cardiac” life support not “cardiology” life support.

Upon motion of Dr. Bartro, seconded by Ms. Perlini, the Board voted unanimously to accept the minutes as amended.

At this time, the Chairman opened the floor to nominations for Chairperson, Vice-Chair and Secretary:

The nominees for Chairperson were: Dr. Craig VanDongen and Dr. Christine Benoit.

The nominees for Vice-Chair were: Dr. Joseph Samartano, Dr. Christine Benoit

The nominees for Secretary were: Ms. Susan Perlini unchallenged

The results of the election were: Chairman: Dr. Craig VanDongen, Vice-Chair: Dr. Christine Benoit, Secretary: Susan Perlini

Mr. Manchester expressed concern with regard to frequency of the election of officers and requested that in the future elections be held on an annual basis in a timely manner.

Sub-Committee for Dental Licensure

Dr. VanDongen reported the following Dental Licenses have been issued since last meeting:

Craig Foisie, DMD BU 2003 NERB 2003 (Licensed in PA)

Gary C. Turkel, DDS NYU 1968 NERB (Licensed in NY)

Victoria J. Baeger, DMD UConn 98 NERB (Licensed in CA)

Javier M. Ramirez, DDS U IL 2007 NERB 2007

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Dental Licensure Report (continued)

Jeffrey T. Kozlowski, DDS SUNY/Buffalo 1996 (Licensed in CT)

**Rupen Der Boghosian Itutmazian, DDS, Univ of California WREB
(Licensed in CA)**

Sub-Committee for Dental Hygiene Licensure

**Susan Perlini reported the following dental hygiene licenses were
issued since the last meeting:**

Dental Hygiene Licenses

Nicole M. Thoman Sarah G. Lynch

Janet Levangie Stephanie Wisniewski

Ann Marie Fraginis

Dental Hygiene Anesthesia Permits

Lauren E. Varney, RDH Katlyn Almeida, RDH

The Board reviewed the recent draft of proposed amendments to the

Rules and Regulations. After review the following amendments were requested:

Section 5.2.2 (b) Effective 1 July 2012, all dentists practicing in a dental setting shall hold a current certificate of completion from an approved course in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR Basic Cardiac Life Support (BCLS))

Section 10.2.2(b) Effective 1 July 2012, all dental hygienists practicing in a dental setting shall hold a current certificate of completion from an approved course in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR Basic Cardiac Life Support (BCLS))

It was also requested that rather than add Nitrous Oxide to Section 22.0, a separate section be created to specifically address the Administration of Nitrous Oxide by Dental Hygienists. This is currently being addressed in Section(s) 22 .1 a, b, c, d, e; 22.2 (b) , 22.3 (b), 22.4 (b) 22.5 (b) of the proposed Rules & Regulations.

The Administrator will advise Mr. Dundulis of these changes and Dr. Samartano will review the previous language changes for accuracy and report to the Board at its next meeting.

Dr. Benoit inquired as to why the RI Dental Association is designated in the Rules and Regulations as the authority for establishing the CE

criteria. The Administrator advised that the RIDA reviews CE courses for the Department with the Board's approval and establishes along with the Board the criteria. After discussion, it was suggested that the criteria be reviewed for possible updating. The Administrator will forward a copy of the current criteria and will place it on next month's agenda for discussion.

At this time, Dr. Levin called for a motion to adjourn the "Open Session" and enter into "Closed Executive Session" for the purpose of discussing disciplinary matters pursuant to the applicable exceptions of the

"Open Meeting Law", so called of Chapter 42-46-5 sub-division (1) and (4) of the General Laws. Upon motion by Dr. Benoit, seconded by Dr. Bartro, the Board entered into closed session at 9:30 a.m.

Ms. Celentano recused herself from the meeting at this time.

The Board returned to "Open Session" at 9:40 am.

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Ms. Celentano re-joined the meeting at this time

Decisions Ratified and/or closed in Closed Session

There were no decisions ratified nor business discussed during Closed Session to be reported in Open Session.

Sealing of the Closed Executive Minutes

The Chairman called for a motion to seal the minutes of the “Closed Executive Session” of 19 January 2011 meeting pursuant to Section 42-46 (1) and (2). Upon motion of Dr. Box, seconded by Dr. Bartro, the Board voted unanimously to seal the closed minutes of 19 January 2011.

Dr. Benoit advised that Tufts Dental School, Division of Continuing Education is offering a Radiology Certification Course.

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for 16 March 2011 in the Beck Conference Room.

Upon motion of Dr. VanDongen, seconded, by Dr. Benoit, it was unanimously VOTED by the Board to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail P. Giuliano, Administrator

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